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Haniel Long

THE CUBAN IN THE STATES

The North is beautiful, and I
  Would like it—but for me
How bud the lips of woman by
  The soft Habana sea!

And how can one who long has known
  The fragrance of this rose
Keep from his frozen lips a moan
  Against the northern snows?

I shiver at the closing white—
  But on the sunburnt South
I lie in an eternal night
  Of sighing mouth on mouth.

MADNESS

The night came softly to the sea;
And they, the seven stars, to me.

The sea, the seven stars, and I
Gave an involuntary cry.

It echoed in the hills, and went
The ways of old bewilderment.

And I alone the reason knew
And I had told it then to you,

But stars are strange, the sea is deep,
And you were lovely in your sleep.